

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 3, lines 12-17 of the specification with the following paragraph:**

**A1**

Accordingly, it is a first ~~object~~ of the present invention to provide a key cylinder that improves assemblage efficiency. Another object of the present invention is to provide a lever unit, which copes with any lever, regardless of a different installation structure, and a key cylinder including the lever unit.

**Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 14, lines 15-25 of the specification with the following paragraph:**

**A2**

As shown in Fig. 6, the projection 24 includes an inclined face 26. The inclined face 26 smoothly connects to a face of the protector 21. The inclined face 26 obliquely extends from the end face of the protector 21 in the direction of the diameter of the end face. A guide portion 24a (shown in Fig. 5), which includes the incline face 26, is defined between the notch 25 and the end face of the protector 21. The guide portion 24a guides the back spring 23 into the notch 25. The back spring 23 is wound about a predetermined position (notch 25). The guide portion 24a restricts movement of the back spring 23 toward the end face of the protector 21.